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Janner**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence****SUBJECT : Presidential Request for Study of Civilian
Casualties and Bomb Damage to Civilian
Structures in North Vietnam**

1. In accordance with your instructions yesterday, we are proceeding to fulfill the President's request for the subject study. We have set in motion investigations of all relevant materials in ORR, OCI, SAVA, NMCC, FBIS, NSA, and NPIC. The exploitation of the collateral materials cannot be completed before Friday morning. The exploitation of the NPIC materials will require major assistance from available IAS personnel for the rest of this week and all of the weekend. The results of the readout will not be available to ORR until Monday.

2. Unlike our regular bomb damage assessments most of this work -- other than portions dealing with civilian casualties -- must be done de novo. Under the circumstances it does not seem possible to complete a meaningful study before the close of business on Tuesday. This would enable the study to be published and delivered to the President on Wednesday.

3. If required to submit a study earlier, we will, of course, do so. However, the results would be so highly generalized and inconclusive that I do not feel such a memo would meet the President's requirements. I hope, therefore, that you will okay the scheduling proposed in paragraph 2.

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